

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for filtering fluids conveyed at high pressure, the device comprising with an inlet opening, an outlet opening and a metal housing enclosing a filter chamber and having a service opening closed by means of a first lid, also of metal, which is seated by ~~the~~ action of a contact force on a rim portion surrounding the service opening in direct contact with the metal ~~of the housing~~, ~~the~~ a rim surface of the rim portion associated with the first lid sloping between ~~[[its]]~~ an inner boundary edge that is associated with the service opening and ~~[[its]]~~ an outer boundary edge such that the rim surface forms an angle deviating from 90° with ~~the~~ an adjacent inside surface and outside surface of the rim portion and ~~the~~ a sealing contact surface ~~obtained~~ between the first lid and the rim portion is substantially linear, and wherein there is arranged inside the filter chamber a filter element through which fluid flows ~~on its way~~ from the inlet opening to the outlet opening.

2. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the filter element is a filter body which is seated on ~~one of the~~ a wall~~[[s]]~~ that defines the filter chamber and through which the fluid can flow in ~~[[the]]~~ a region of at least one ~~of its peripheral surface[[s]]~~ of the filter element.

3. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a sealing surface of the filter element surrounds the outlet opening.

4. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 2, wherein the filter element is biased by a resilient force acting from the filter chamber on ~~[[the]]~~ a sealing surface.

5. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 2 wherein the filter element is cylindrical in shape.

6. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 5 wherein the metal housing is tubular and ~~[[the]]~~service openings are formed on ~~[[the]]~~end faces of the ~~tubular-metal~~ housing.

7. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the metal housing is tubular.

8. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the first lid[[s]] and a second lid are mutually tensioned.

9. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 8 wherein the tensioning is obtained by tension screws or tension bolts that act like expansion screws.

10. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 8 wherein the inlet opening is formed in ~~one of the~~ first lid[[s]] and the outlet opening is formed in the ~~other of the second lid~~[[s]].